

Claims

1. An animal training device comprising:
  - a housing having a central cavity formed therewithin;
  - a sound-producing member mounted within said cavity and adapted5 to produce a first audible signal upon the application of force to said sound-producing member;
  - an actuator provided on one face of said housing, and adapted to transfer to the sound-producing member a manual force applied to said actuator; and10 - a whistle comprising a resonance chamber formed integrally in the other face of said housing, and a mouthpiece in communication with said whistle resonance chamber, said whistle being adapted to produce a second audible signal upon a user blowing into the mouthpiece.
2. An animal training device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sound-producing member is a flexibly resilient metal strip and the first audible signal is a clicking sound.
- 15 3. An animal training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said metal strip is supported at two locations along its length, and comprises a resiliently deformable portion defined between said two support locations.
- 20 4. An animal training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said metal strip is supported at two locations along its length, and comprises a resiliently deformable portion defined between one of said two support locations and a free end of the strip.

5. An animal training device as claimed in claim 3 or claim 4, wherein the actuator is arranged to bear against said resiliently deformable portion, thereby to transfer to said portion a manual force applied to the actuator.

6. An animal training device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the actuator 5 comprises on its outer surface, a manually-operable button adapted to receive the application of a manual force from a user's thumb.

7. An animal training device as claimed in claim 5 or claim 6, wherein the actuator is mounted in the housing for hinged movement about a pivot.

8. An animal training device as claimed in any of the preceding claims, 10 wherein the first and second audible signals are audibly distinct.

9. An animal training device as claimed in any of the preceding claims, further comprising attachment means for attaching the device to a chain, cord, key ring or wrist-band.

10. An animal training device as claimed in any of the preceding claims, 15 wherein the housing is formed from moulded plastics material.

11. An animal training device as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein the housing is shaped and sized so as in use to fit comfortably in the palm of a user's hand.

12. An animal training device as claimed in claim 1 and substantially as 20 herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.